



# County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Department of Mental Health to Host Seventh Annual “Law Enforcement and Mental Health Conference,” June 15

**WHAT:** Seventh Annual “Law Enforcement and Mental Health” Conference

**WHERE:** Arboretum of Los Angeles County  
301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007

**WHEN:** Thu., June 15 (8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)

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**LOS ANGELES (Tue., June 13, 2006)** -- More than 400 law enforcement and mental health professionals will come together to participate in the Seventh Annual “Law Enforcement and Mental Health Conference. The conference is designed to provide law enforcement, mental health and emergency personnel with practical skills and knowledge for responding in partnership with members of the community who have experienced a traumatic event. Conference topics include:

“Voices from the Grave: The Child and Adolescent Suicide Review Team” presented by Dr. Michael Pines and Dr. Sara Sherer (Session 1: 8:30-10 a.m.)

- Warning signs and risk factors for suicidal children and youth
- L.A. County Child & Adolescent Suicide Review Team and the case review process
- How law enforcement personnel and first responders can assist survivors and the Child & Adolescent Review Team

“Creating Partnerships to Create Trauma-Informed Services for Children” presented by Dr. Susan J. Ko, Director of the Service Systems Core at the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress at UCLA (Session 2: 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)

- Impact of child trauma (domestic & community violence, death/loss, etc.) and specific action law enforcement can take to help children and their families
- Five core concepts on what law enforcement should know when working with children impacted by domestic violence
- Training platform that utilizes a collaborative model to integrate mental health and law enforcement to create trauma-informed systems

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